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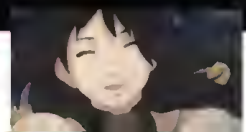

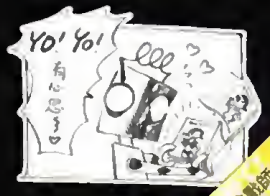

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TAO HUI!
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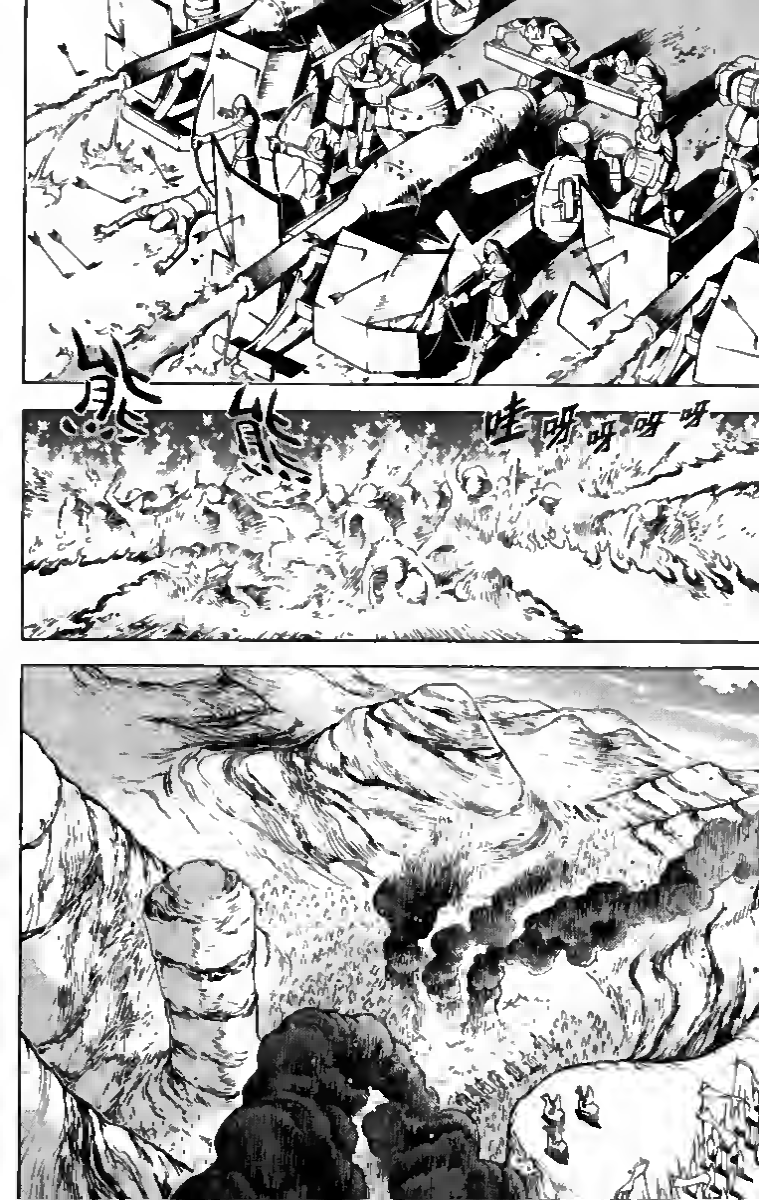
WAIT... WHAT DID YOU CALL HIM JUST NOW?
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, I'M NOT GONNA DO ANYTHING TO SAVE YOU!!
EH! WHAT THE HELL!
THE UNTOUCHABLE WAR PAINTER, MASTER TAO HUI?
...TAO HUI WHY?
ON TOP OF THAT, HE HAS EXCEPTIONAL TALENT. A MASTER OF THE CRAFT - THAT'S TAO HUI!
YEAH. ALWAYS AT THE HEART OF BATTLEFIELDS, BUT NEVER GOT HURT. THAT ONE.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AS SOON AS WE CLEAR THIS ROAD, THE SACRED ITEM WILL BE OURS!
HMPH! THESE EASTERN HERETICS ARE NO MATCH FOR THE SHELLS OF OUR ARMY!
COMMANDER! THE ENEMY IS TOO STRONG OUR MEN ARE DROPPING LIKE FLIES!
PASS MY ORDERS! ALL TANGUT WARRIORS FORM THE ARROW ARRAY AND FIGHT!
BUT...
THE SECRETARY OF WAR IS ABOUT TO ENTER SHA THROUGH THIS PATH
!HHHHAAOH
.....
IF WE LOSE THIS ROAD TO THE ENEMY, MY HEAD WILL ROLL. SAME THING WITH YOURS

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IT'S KEI LIE!

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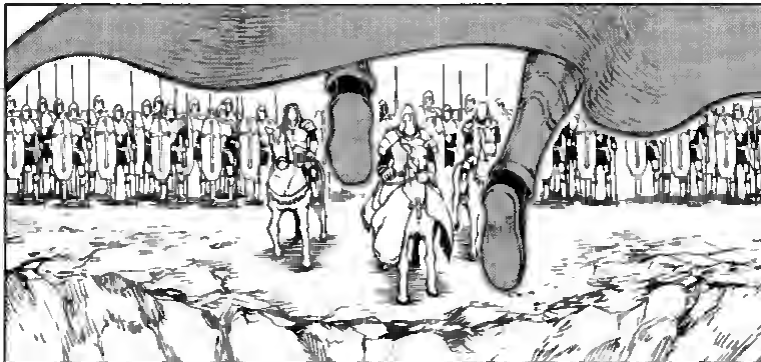

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I, KEI LIE, WILL SHOW YOU NO MERCY!
SOME YELLOW-HAIRED GREEN-EYED BARBARIANS DARE INVADING THE GREAT STATE?
WAaaaaaaa
咲!

THEIR COMMANDER IS DEAD! KILL ALL THEIR MEN, BRAVE WARRIORS!!

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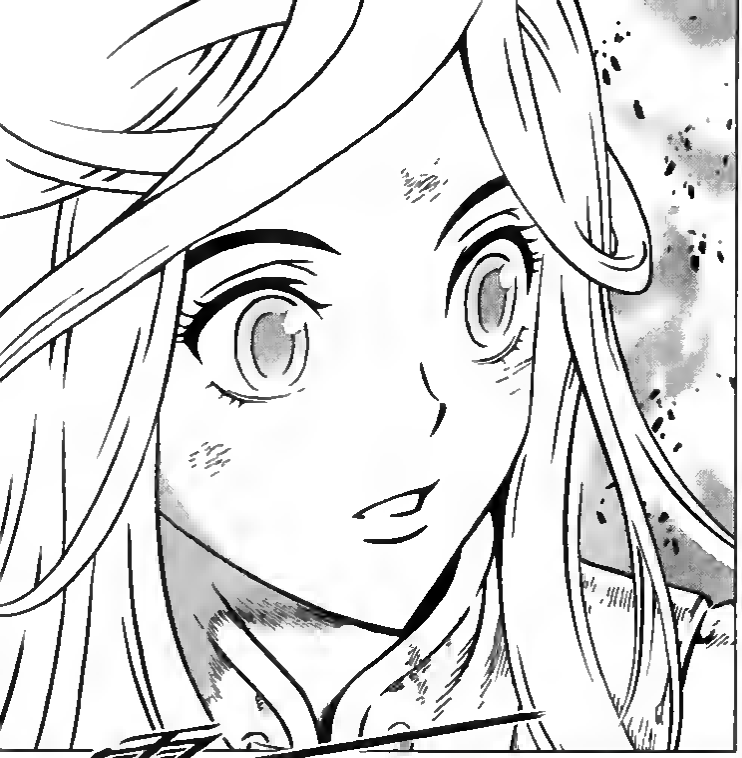
SORRY, YOUR OWNER'S DEAD. GO SOMEWHERE YOU LIKE, NOW.

I CAN'T STICK WITH YOU RIGHT NOW. SORRY.
THERE'RE THINGS I GOTTA DO.

MY PAINT-INGS!



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I WASN'T GONNA HURT HER. ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS GET MY PAINTINGS BACK.
GO
WHAT... WHAT'D HE SAY?
FOOL! ARE WE SUPPOSED TO KNOW THE LANGUAGE OF THE HERETICS NOW?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? BING TING.
RE-TREAT!
RE-TREAT

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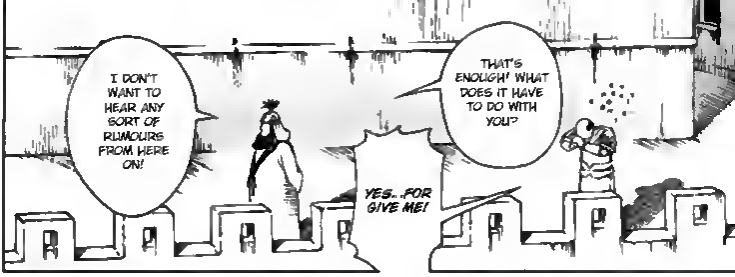
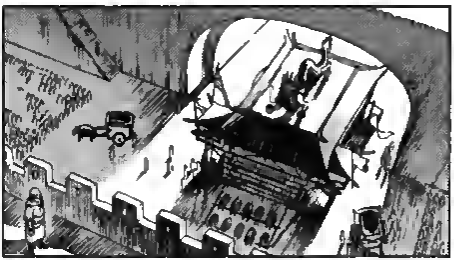
COMMANDER I'VE HEARD SOME RUMOURS ON THE STREETS
THEY'RE HERE!
THEY'RE HERE!
THE WESTERN-MOST CITY OF THE TANGUT EMPIRE, SHA
'COURSE THAT'S NO PROBLEM IN ITSELF, THE PROBLEM IS THAT THING HE HAS.
HE'S GOING TO LUG IT THROUGH SHA AND BRING IT BACK TO THE CAPITAL, YUGING, TO HONOUR OUR LORD.
THE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS GOTTEN HIS HANDS ON A HOLY ITEM OF SOME SORTS
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE? NOBODY KNOWS. THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF STORIES AS TO WHERE IT CAME ABOUT, THOUGH...


I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY SORT OF RUMOURS FROM HERE ON!
YES.. FOR GIVE ME!
THAT'S ENOUGH! WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH YOU?



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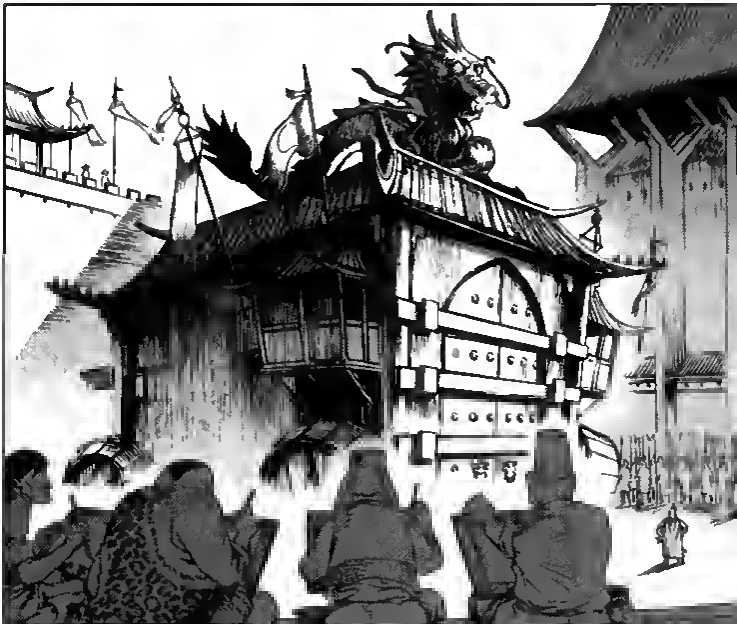

HEY TAO HU! HOW COME YOU AIN'T DRAWING? AS WAR PAINTERS WE'RE SUPPOSED TO RECORD EVERYTHING PERTAINING TO THE WAR.
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT THING! I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ONE THAT BIG....
HEY, LOOK!
SON OF A... ONE OF THESE DAYS I'M GONNA KICK HIS ASS!
HOW... HOW...?
THAT'S HIM, THE GUY THAT JUST WALKED OUT OF HIS CARRIAGE HE'S OUR LORD'S FAVORITE RIGHT NOW - THE SECRETARY OF WAR
WHY WOULD HE BE HERE? IT'S SO FAR FROM THE CAPITAL...
BUT SUCH A GIANT ORDER OF CARRIAGES...
FROM THE DIRECTION HE CAME IN, HE SHOULD BE JUST RETURNING FROM OUT-OF-BORDER.
THEY MUST BE TRANSPORTING SOME PRECIOUS GOODS, EH
OUT-OF--BORDER!?

EH WHEN DID YOU COME HERE? A MOMENT AGO YOU WEREN'T
HEY MISTER, WATCH THE LIGHT. YOU'RE DISRUPTING OUR WORK.
SORRY, FELLAS.
M- MY MY PAINTINGS. !

ORDERS FROM HIGH-UP. NO RECORDS ARE NEEDED FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THESE CARRIAGES.
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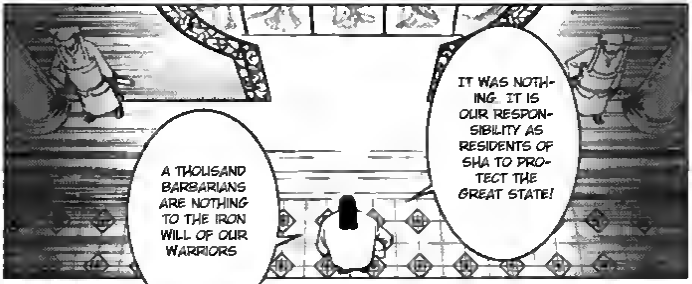
COMMANDER, I HEARD IT WAS QUITE A BRUTAL BATTLE YESTERDAY.


IT WAS NOTHING. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS RESIDENTS OF SHA TO PROTECT THE GREAT STATE!
A THOUSAND BARBARIANS ARE NOTHING TO THE IRON WILL OF OUR WARRIORS

HOW WERE THE CASUALTIES?
VERY FEW, SIR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE COMMANDER OF THE ENEMY WAS KILLED. IT'S GOING TO BE A WHILE BEFORE THEY HAVE THE STRENGTH TO
EXCELLENT! I'VE HEARD THAT THE WAR PAINTERS IN SHA HAVE EXCEPTIONAL TALENT. THEY CAN BRING THE BATTLE TO LIFE, THEY SAY.

BRING SOME TO ME TO-MORROW
THEY MUST BE GOOD

SIR? WHY DID YELLOW-HAIRED BAR-BARIANS ATTACK US AT ALL? THEY SEEM TO HAVE TARGETED YOUR CARRIAGES, AS WELL

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WOUHHHH!!!
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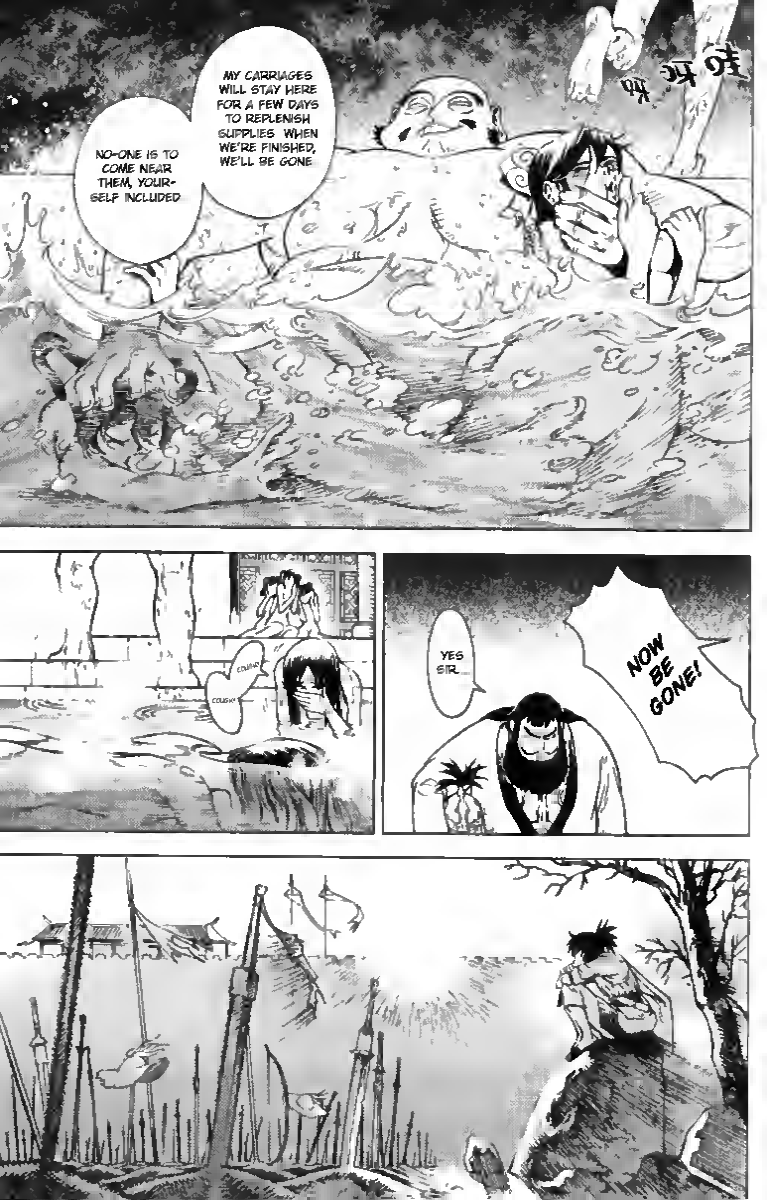
MY CARRIAGES WILL STAY HERE FOR A FEW DAYS TO REPLENISH SUPPLIES. WHEN WE'RE FINISHED, WE'LL BE GONE
NO-ONE IS TO COME NEAR THEM, YOURSELF INCLUDED
COUGH!
COUGH!
YES SIR.
NOW BE GONE!

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EH, THIS ISN'T MY PAINT-ING...
DON'T TELL ME, YESTER-DAY...

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DRINK UP. DON'T BE SHY!
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WE'VE LOST CONTACT WITH THE BRIGADE LET'S REST HERE FOR THE NIGHT

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YOU KNOW SOMETHING FISHY'S GOING JUST BY THE SIZE OF IT. SAY YOU THINK THE BATTLE A COUPLE DAYS AGO IS RELATED TO THAT GIANT CARRIAGE?
LAST NIGHT'S CARRIAGES, DID YOU PAINT THEM DOWN?
YOU WANT ME KILLED OR SOMETHING? WE HAD DIRECT ORDERS NOT TO RECORD THEM.
I'LL GET THE BEST BRAINS AVAILABLE ON IT. ALL IN ALL, IT'LL BE FUN CONFIRMING MY HUNCH!
YOUR PAINTINGS GIVE ME A HEADACHE!
HEY! I'LL GIVE YOU A SNEAK PEEK.
THAT'S ENOUGH, GUYS. IF WE LOSE OUR HEADS WHERE THEY ARE, WE SHOULD... LISTEN! WE NEVER EVEN SAW THE TRAIN CARRIAGE.
ANYWAY, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WAR PAINTINGS WE'RE PRESENTING TODAY. LOOK AT THIS ONE OF MINE! HAW HAW. I SAY IT'S A MASTERPIECE!

COME ON! YOUR OPPONENT IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YA. ATTACK ME!
PARDON ME, CAPTAIN KEI LIE!
HYAAH!!

IF THIS WAS A REAL SWORD, YOU WOULD'VE BEEN CUT IN HALF!
NO GOOD. COME AGAIN!

NO GOOH!
NO GOOH!
COME!!
NO GOOH!
OH
OH
MISTRESS, I CAN'T--- I DON'T KNOW HOW---
YOU PAINT WHATEVER THE HELL I TELL YOU TO PAINT. YOU DON'T GET TO CHOOSE HERE!
YOU FUCK-ING BITCH!

AS A WAR PAINTER, IT'S YOUR DUTY TO PRESENT EVERYTHING YOU SEE IN A BATTLEFIELD, IN TRUTH AND IN HONESTY.
AND YOU, WHAT YOU PAINT HAS TO BE SUPERIOR TO WHAT OTHERS PAINT. YOU NEED TO MOVE YOUR AUDIENCES, YOU NEED TO STIR THEIR EMOTIONS!

THIS IS THE TANG'UT EMPIRE, NOT THE MESS OF A COUNTRY YOU USED TO BE IN. FORGET ABOUT YOUR PAST!
BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE A WAR PAINTER! I DON'T WANT TO PAINT ANYTHING...
YOU NEED TO START OVER, AND YOU NEED TO PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE!
SULKING WON'T GET YOU ANYWHERE. YOU DON'T WANT TO REPEAT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH AGAIN, DO YOU?
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START PAINTING NOW OR I'LL KILL YOU.
啪

YOUR PAINTINGS... IF THEY'RE NOT BURNED ON THE PYRE, THEY'RE WRINKLED LIKE TOILET PAPER.
AND THAT'S NO PROBLEM.

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PROBLEM IS, THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT THE ENEMIES GETTING KILLED HERE!
HOW THE HELL ARE YOU A WAR PAINTER?
OK
BITE IT HERE!
LOOK CLOSELY, ASSHOLE! THIS IS THE WORK OF A WAR PAINTER!

USE-
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PIECE
OF
SHIT!
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WAR
PAINTER
MY
FOOT!

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YOU'RE NOT KEEPING THEM? THEY'RE REAL GOOD!!

I LOVE YOUR WORK.
PERSONALLY SPEAKING
BUT WHAT ABOUT WHEN OUR TROOPS ARE BEING MASSACRED? DO WE STILL PAINT?
YEAH OUR JOB IS TO PRESENT A TRUE BATTLE SCENE
XIAO HU, I'VE HEARD YOU SAY THAT AT LEAST A MILLION TIMES
WELL, WE GOTTA EAT SO SOME OF US WILL PAINT STUFF TO KISS PEOPLE'S ASSES
MAKE OUR WARRIORS' ALL MIGHTY AND INTIMIDATING. MAKE THE ENEMIES' DEATH ABSOLUTELY HORRIFIC. THAT'S HOW YOU GET MONEY!
DAMMIT! NEXT TIME I'M GONNA ASK TO COPY SOME OF THAT GUY'S STUFF.
JIN-I RUINS MONEY TOO-

YA TRYING TO FIND ANOTHER SIDE TO WAR OR WHAT ..?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY ABOUT YOUR PAINTINGS THOUGH.
YOU AND YOUR MONEY TALK ...
YOU CAN PROBABLY GET BIG BUCKS FOR THEM IF YOU SELL THEM ON THE STREETS!

YOU SHOULD COME BACK DOWN TO EARTH, TAO HUI.

NO.

DON'T TELL ME...THAT YOU'RE AFRAID TO PAINT BLOOD ON DEAD BODIES?

I'M JUST SICK OF IT.

AAHHHHH!
WE'RE NOT LEAVING UNTIL YOU PAINT SOMETHING THAT MEETS MY STANDARDS!

DAMN! WHEN IS THIS SAND-STORM EVER GOING TO END?
THE TROOPS OF THE MAGNUS SHOULD BE NEAR ALREADY...B UT WE'RE COMPLETELY LOST
DING TING, YOU ARE OUR ANGEL SENT BY GOD YOU POINT A WAY FOR US!

PLEASE POINT A WAY FOR US
YOU'RE THE ONLY REASON WE SURVIVED ALL THIS TIME. SINCE WE DEPARTED FROM SUNDATE, YOU'VE BEEN LIKE A BRIGHT STAR IN THE NIGHT
WHAT I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO GO EITHER!
EL POINT ..?
LOOK!!
I...I

IT'S THE TROOPS OF THE MARQUIS!
BING TING, YOU REALLY ARE AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN!

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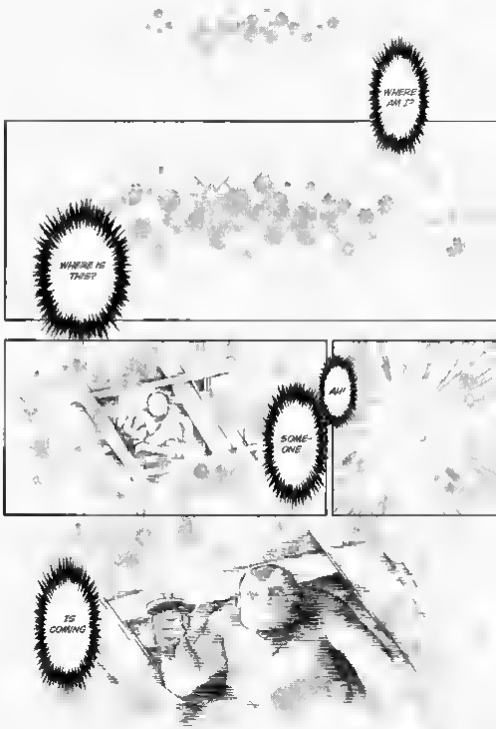

WHERE AM I?
WHERE IS THIS?
AH!
SOME-ONE
IS COMING

SHOULD BE RIGHT HERE

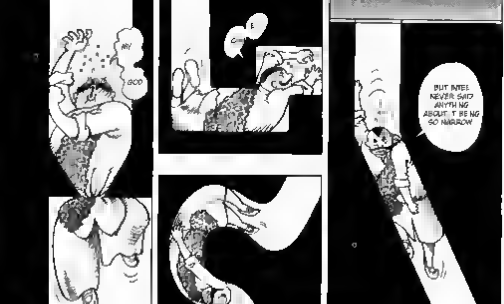
HMPH. THEY CALL ME THE MONEY-GRUBBING LEOPARD. YOU KNOW I DON'T JUST PAINT I SPY

WHAT KIND OF A FOOL WOULD ENTER THROUGH THERE!

SO MANY GUARDS AROUND THE FRONT GATE. THEY COULD'NT SPOT AN ANT COMING THEIR WAY

YELLOW!

AHA! INTELLIGENCE WAS RIGHT


GOD.
BUT INTEL NEVER SAID ANYTH NG ABOUT T RE NG SO NARROW

BAM

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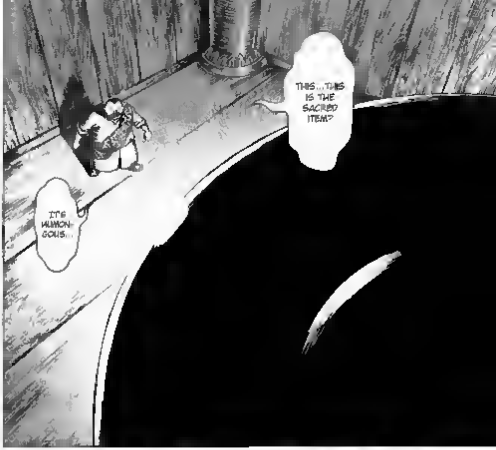
YEAH.
DID YOU HEAR THAT?


IT'S HUMON-GOUS...
THIS...THIS IS THE SACRED ITEM?

WHAT IN THE WORLD COULD IT BE? WHAT COULD BE WORTHY OF BEING PRE-SENTED TO THE LORD

I KNOW WHERE THIS IS!
I GOT IT!

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I HEARD SOMEONE SAYING "I KNOW!" OR SOMETHING
NOPE. NOT ME
WERE YOU TALKING TO ME?

YOU KNOW?
THEN, I KNOW!
KNOW WHAT?

HEY! JOIN US!
LAST NIGHT SOMETHING NASTY'VE CRAWLED INTO YOUR BAR. A GOBLIN— IT IS SOMETHING, BUT AND HE'S DYING. "THIS PLACE LOOKS DECENT, AND HE'S BEEN TURNED DOWN.

OH, HE, HE, HE
COOL MOVE!!
IS AIN'T HIS MOTHER, YA KNOW...I'M NOT KNOW
DID YOU SEE THE MONEY-GRABBER?
THAT BLEEDER MUMBLED SOMETHING ABOUT BETTING WITH A SHITLOAD OF GOLD AND LOSING! HEARD LAST NIGHT NO-ONE'S SEEN HIM SINCE
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE I HEARD IT...MORE LIKE I *FELT* IT
I HEARD IT SO CLEARLY TOO...
WHAT'S A SHITLOAD OF GOLD? TELL ME, TELL ME!
WELL, WHERE IS HE?
IF I KNEW THAT, WOULDN'T WE HEARD YUH!
HE AGAIN?!
TAO HAS THE MEALS ON YOU
THAT'S ALL I KNOW! HE TRIES HIS GAMBLING HOUSE TOO! IF HE GETS RICH, HE'S GOTTA PAY HIS BACK TAXES, THAT SCUM LOSER
GOLD— LET'S GO LOOK FOR HIM NOW!
TAO! NO, LET'S...

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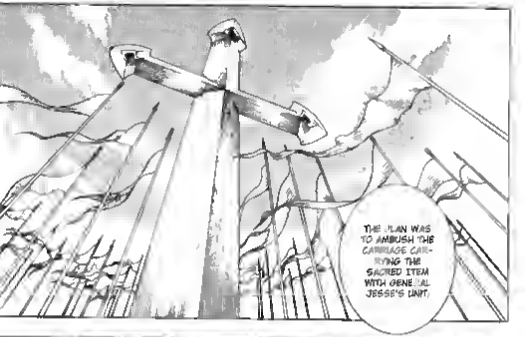
AH... DON'T WORRY, TAO HUI JUST WANGLE SOME COOKWOMAN FOOD AROUND YOUR EARS... NO, ACTUALLY, WANGLE SOME GOLD.


THE PLAN WAS TO AMBUSH THE CARRIAGE CARRYING THE SACRED ITEM WITH GENERAL JESSE'S UNIT.

AND LEAD THE ENEMIES BY THE NOSE TO THE TROOPS OF THE MAU-GUIDE.

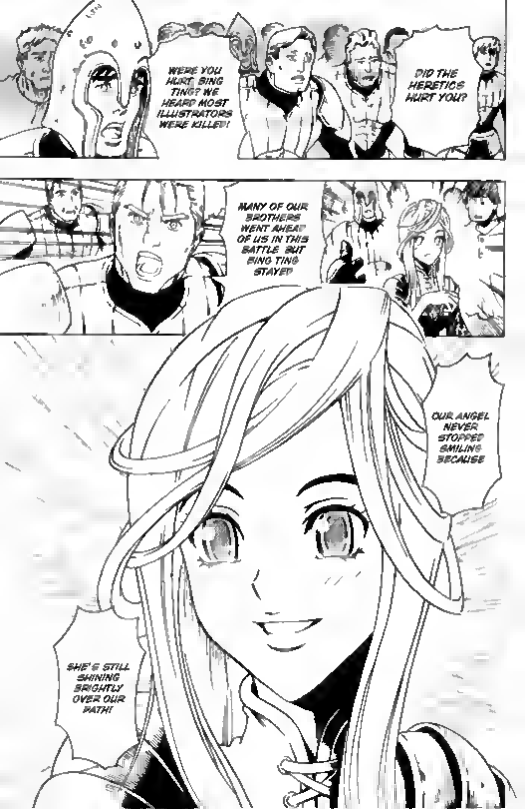
THANK YOU.
I SEE. EVEN THOUGH THEY'VE WON THE BATTLE, FROM WHAT I SEE IN KING THOR'S DRAWINGS, THEY'VE LOST A HUGE NUMBER, AS WELL.
GOOD WORK, KING THOR.
UNFORTUNATELY, WE WERE...
NOW THAT THE CARRIAGE IS IN THEIR FORT, I NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY MEN THEY HAVE GUARDING IT.
BEFORE THE ENTRY OF THE CARRIAGE AROUND 1500 PEOPLE CROSSED THE PASS EACH DAY. AFTER THAT, THE NUMBER INCREASED TO AROUND 3000. THEIR TRADE AND TRANSPORT BUSINESS HAVE INCREASED AS WELL.
WE ESTIMATE THAT THEY HAVE AROUND 30,000 MEN IN AND IMMEDIATELY OUT OF THE FORT.

RIGHT NOW, IT'S THE SEASON FOR THE ORINTALS TO HARVEST AND STORE CROPS THEY MUST HAVE AMPLE FOOD STORES BY NOW
WRONG
I SHOULD SAY
CONSIDERING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE CROSS-ING THE PASS ADDING IN THE 3000 ELITES THAT ENTERED THE FORT WITH THE CARRIAGE...
AND HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, THEY WOULD MAINLY BE TRADING FOR FOOD AND WATER.
BUT DON'T FORGET
THERE'RE AT LEAST 45,000 MEN IN THERE
GIRL, WE HAVE 80,000 EX CELLENT MEN, MORE THAN ENOUGH TO WIPE THEM CLEAN!

INRI
EVERY MAN AND EVERY WOMAN IS CONSCRIPTED HERE
IN TIMES OF PEACE THEY LIVE A NORMAL LIFE IN TIMES OF WAR, THEY BATTLE!

YES, MA'AM.
YOU TWO MAY LEAVE.
I'M SORRY
WE NEED TO SEE WHAT THE ENEMY IS MADE OF. THEIR ABILITIES ARE PERFECT FOR THAT
HEHE. CALL THOSE BUNCH OF CLOWNS IN WHITE
MAY-WHITE YOU'RE GOING TO MORALIZE THEM?

BING TING!
BING TING!
OUR ANGEL!
WELCOME BACK!!
WELCOME BACK, ANGEL!
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU!


WERE YOU HURT, BING TING? WE HEARD MOST ILLUSTRATORS WERE KILLED!
DID THE HERETICS HURT YOU?
MANY OF OUR BROTHERS WENT AHEAD OF US IN THIS BATTLE, BUT BING TING STAYED!
OUR ANGEL NEVER STOPPED SMILING BECAUSE
SHE'S STILL SHINING BRIGHTLY OVER OUR PATH!

MOVE IT, FOLKS! LET HER REST IN HER TENT!
LAST NIGHT, JING TSAI SAVED US AGAIN. JUST NOW, SHE REPORTED TO MAHKUBSE ANTIOCH. SHE'S GOTTA BE REALLY TIRED NOW!
THANK YOU, LORD, FOR SENDING AN ANGEL TO US.

JING TSAI, RESTING TO REST. EVERYONE, RETURN TO YOUR POSTS!
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RUN! CHASE MY RUN!
PACKIN' HOT BACKSIDE, DAMMIT!
WATCH OUT! STEP TIME.

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WHAT DID YOU SAY? LEAP THE WAY!
WAAAHHHHH!!!
WHAT RE YOU DOING JUST STANDING THERE? OPEN IT!
WAAAHHHHH
AH!
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT! THAT'S IT, CLOSE THE DOOR, EVERYONE LEAVE! NOBODY COME NEAR HERE!

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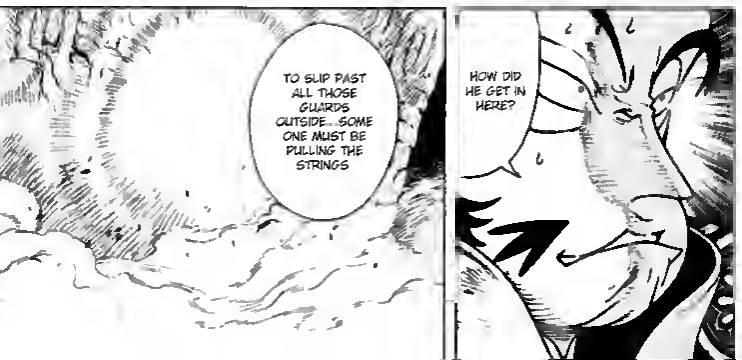
THE SERVANTS HEARD NOISES, BUT WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT
WE LOST A COUPLE OF SLAVES ALREADY IN THE DESERT, BUT HERE IT IS AGAIN


HOW DID HE GET IN HERE?
TO SLIP PAST ALL THOSE GUARDS OUTSIDE... SOME ONE MUST BE PULLING THE STRINGS

FIND THEM, WHOEVER THEY ARE!
YES SIR...
MY TREASURE...MY PRECIOUS TREASURE. SO MANY MEN WANT YOU FOR THEMSELVES...
BUT DON'T YOU WORRY. YOU'RE MINE GOD HAS SENT YOU PERSONALLY TO ME
I WILL NOT LOSE YOU TO ANYONE INCLUDING...
HIS HIGHNESS THE KING.

WHERE... WHERE IS THIS?
WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S A PERSON!
UGH, NOT AGAIN. STOP SUCKING THEM IN HERE!
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO!

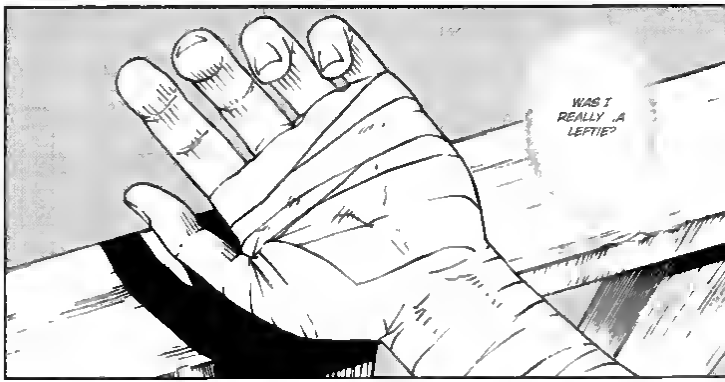
MIS-
TRESS?

YOU'RE A LEFTIE? FROM HERE ON, I FORBID YOU TO PAINT WITH YOUR LEFT HAND.
FORGET YOU EVEN HAD ONE!

MONEY...
GOLD...
HAH!
HAH!
HAH!

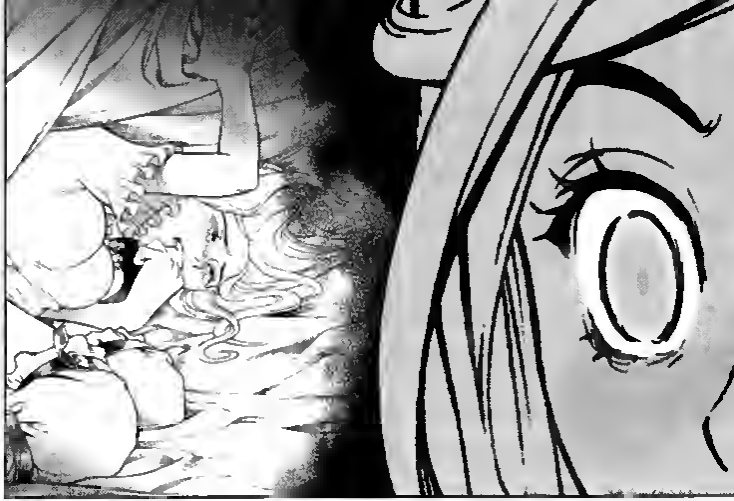
IT'S NOT TALKING TO ME. IT'S LIKE I'M EAVESDROPPING ON A CONVERSATION, EXCEPT IT'S MORE LIKE SOMEONE IS TALKING TO ITSELF.
WHAT THE HELL...
I'VE BEEN HEARING VOICES LATELY. WHERE DO THEY EVEN COME FROM?

AM I JUST ZONING OUT BECAUSE I'M REMEMBERING THE MISTRESS? OR...


WAS I REALLY A LEFTIE?

FEELS LIKE I'VE FORGOTTEN OTHER THINGS, TOO.

BING TING... YOUR EYES ARE RED. DID YOU NOT SLEEP WELL?
I'M FINE. I WAS JUST HAPPY TO BE WITH EVERY-ONE AGAIN
PACO, YOU DAMN PLAYBOY... BING TING IS EVERYONE'S ANGEL!
THAT'S GOOD. I WAS WOR-RIED ABOUT YOU.
I SENSE EVIL FROM YOU!
I WAS JUST ASKING!
WHAT EVIL? I CARE ABOUT HER!
YEAH, SWEET TALKING REALLY SAVING YOU, HUH!



YES MA'AM.
I'LL TRY MY BEST!
REST WELL AND SAVE YOUR ENERGY. YOU'LL BE EXHAUSTED LATER
MARQUISE ANTIOCH. ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO MOBILIZE THOSE GOONS IN WHITE?
MA'AM, I ONLY HAVE THE SUCCESS OF OUR EXPEDITION AT HEART. I BELIEVE A SCOUT UNIT IN MY DIVISION WOULD BE BEST.
ARE YOU QUESTIONING MY DECISION?
KSH!

I KNOW YOU DON'T TRUST THEM BECAUSE THEY WERE SUBDUED PADRES AND WANDERING CHAPLAINS
THEY ARE NEITHER RECOGNIZED NOR BLESSED BY THE POPE
THAT'S RIGHT. EVERYONE HERE WAS OFFICIALLY BLESSED BY THE POPE. WE FIGHT FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR GOD OUR FATHER
YET WE TRAVEL WITH THEM. THOSE HERETIC TRICKSTERS SHOULD HAVE BEEN BURNED AT THE STAKE WHEN THEY WERE CAPTURED!
CHIEF OF FIELD OPERATIONS HERLE. DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO?
I DECIDE WHO TO EXECUTE AND WHO TO KEEP. YOU DON'T. IS THAT CLEAR?
MADAM. PARDON ME

AND!
THIS IS A BATTLEFIELD NOT A CHURCH.

I NEED TO WIN THIS WAR AND GET THE HOLY ITEM. I DON'T CARE WHAT IT TAKES
IF YOU GOT A PROBLEM, YOU'RE FREE TO GO BACK TO JERUSALEM AND REPORT ME.

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MARQUISE ANTIOCH.
THE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE. WE AWAIT YOUR ORDERS
GOOD. I BROUGHT THE MEDIUM YOU WANTED.
BING BING TING YOU
KEEP YOUR DIRTY HANDS OFF HER! SHE'S OUR.
A LADY UNDER 16. FAIR SKIN, GOLDEN HAIR... INDEED, AN EXCELLENT MEDIUM FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT.
LET US BEGIN

MARQUISE! IS DING TING IS ...?
EASY. SHE WON'T BE HURT

LISTEN UP! I WANT INFORMATION ON AN ENEMY FORT 75 MILES NORTHEAST FROM HERE!
FIND OUT THE NUMBER OF THEIR GRANARIES, BARRACKS, AND SOLDIERS! FIND THE POSITION OF THE HOLY ITEM!
EXPOSE THEIR SINS WITH YOUR LIGHT! PRAISE BE WITH YOU!
GUARDIANS OF THE LAND! OBEY OUR ANCIENT CONTRACT; LEAD US TO THE HEARTLAND OF OUR ENEMIES!
MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT BLESS THE LAND!

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DAMMIT! WHY THE HELL IS THERE A MUMBLING VOICE IN MY HEAD?
IT'S GETTING WORSE THESE DAYS TOO!

I THOUGHT MAYBE THE MISTRESS TRAUMATIZED ME WHEN I WAS LITTLE, BUT THAT'S NOT RIGHT... I ONLY STARTED HEARING VOICES RECENTLY.
I'VE GOT TO FIGURE IT OUT TONIGHT!

THIS IS A RESTRICTED ZONE, TWIRP. AIN'T NO-ONE'S ALLOWED AROUND HERE. GET LOST!
THE HELL YOU LOOKIN' AT? I SAID, GET LOST!
HUH? GET THE FUCK OUT!
IT'S HERE! THIS IS WHERE THE VOICE IS COMING FROM!

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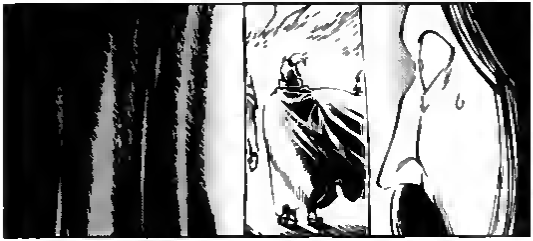
BASTARD - WHO'S THAT LITTLE SHIT!



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O BLESSED MOTHER...
IT'S THE HOLY MOTHER! MOTHER MARY IS HERE!
LEAD US INTO THE HEART OF OUR ENEMIES! WITH THE WISDOM IN YOUR EYES, SHOW US THE SINS OF THOSE LAMBS!

• GASP! •
MARQUISE... IS OUR LADY SCOUTING THE ENEMY GROUNDS FOR US...?
FOOL!
THE HOLY MOTHER, TAKING ORDERS FROM MERE MORTALS?

THAT'S NOT THE HOLY MOTHER.
IT'S THE DEVIL DISGUISED AS THE VIRGIN MARY! THE HERETICS ARE TRYING TO TAINT THE WORLD WITH EVILENESS! I MUST REPORT THIS TO THE CHURCH!
THE OPENING. IT IS STRAIGHT AHEAD!
LO!
TO THE PLACE WHERE EVILDOERS GATHER!

AS I THOUGHT, THE IGNORANT ORIENTALS HAVE NEVER BEEN BLESSED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. THEY ARE OBLIVIOUS TO OUR MISSION.
THE SPIRIT SEES ALL.
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WHERE DID HE ?
WHAT THE!?
WHAT?
MINE, TOO?
AH... YOU FACE...
HAH HAH! THE HELL HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?

A SINGLE MATCH STICK!? WHAT AN AMAZING THROW!
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NOT BAD, NOT BAD. FAST, AND VERY AGILE. FROM THE WAY YOU'RE DRESSED, LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE A WAR PAINTER?
A LITTLE TOO GOOD FOR A MERE WAR PAINTER, THOUGH, AREN'T WE?

WHA'CHU DOING WANDERING AROUND THE GROUNDS AT THIS HOUR, HMM?

HE CAUGHT ME IN A BLINK'S TIME. HE'S EVEN FASTER THAN ME.
I'M NOT HERE FOR TROUBLE. I JUST WANTED TO SEE BEHIND THOSE GATES
HOLD... HOLD ON
HEY, NO NEED TO EXPLAIN ANYTHING TO ME. YOU'RE HEREBY ARRESTED.
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YEAH.
YOU FEEL THAT?

GOOSE BUMPS
HERE IT COMES!

GO!
ON YOUR GUARD!
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WHAT...IS THIS...?

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WHAT HAP-PENED?
IT'S A MAGIC SHIELD! THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS EXPOSED.
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UWAHH!

TO THINK THAT THE ORIENTALS COULD BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT MAGIC AS WELL...!
THOUGH, ONLY THIS ONE GATE IS SHIELDED, MARQUISE ANTIOCH THE HOLY ITEM MUST BE HIDDEN WITHIN!
WHAT THE HELL?
IT'S A DEMON!
IT'S A DEMON!
TH-THE SKELETON... IS MOVING...!
A BEAST! A HEADLESS BEAST...!

THE ZOMBIE! IT'S COMING!
GYAA! SNAKE SPIRIT!
WHAT THE - THAT'S THE LADY GHOST IN MY HOME-TOWN!
A GREAT BIG BEAR!
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ARCHERS!
CALM DOWN! IT'S ALL IN YOUR MIND! WE WILL TAKE IT DOWN, WHATEVER IT IS!
AT THE READY!
FIRE!!

A DEMON MONSTER? YOU'RE SHITTING ME I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST SOMETHING THE MISTRESS SCARED ME WITH THEY ACTUALLY EXIST?
YOU'VE BEEN EXPOSED, AND THE ENEMY KNOWS OF YOUR MAGIC WITH-DRAW!
NO, I CAN BREAK THEIR SHIELD
I WILL GET THE HOLY ITEM!

YAHWWWW!
THAT SEAL IS WHAT'S STOPPING IT!
HMPH, INSOLENT FOOLS!

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THEIR MAGIC IS BROKEN!
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SHIT! IT'S GOING IN!

YOU AIN'T GOING ANYWHERE, BUDDY!
HYAAHH!
HAHH - YOU WISH FOR DEATH, LITTLE ONE!?

DAMN THOSE BARBARIANS! HOW DARE THEY TRY TO STEAL A TREASURE FOR OUR LORD!
REPORT! THE SEAL ON THE FRONT GATE HAS BEEN BROKEN!

GOD REIGNS OVER GOOD DEMONS RULE OVER EVIL I WILL NOT ALLOW DEMONS OF THE WEST TO ENTER OUR LAND!
EVERY-THING'S AS YOU PRE-DICTED WELL DONE NOW WHAT?
MM BY THE WAY, THE LAST INTRUDER COULDN'T BE IDENTIFIED BECAUSE HE WAS HORRIDLY DEFORMED. THIS TIME, YOU MUST CATCH THE INVADER!

BE AT EASE, MY MASTER, SECRETARY OF WAR. THE SEAL ON THE GATE WAS ONLY THERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SURVEILLANCE.
IT'S NOT NEARLY AS SIMPLE TO ACTUALLY CROSS THE GATE!
CATCH THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THIS TOO!

LOWLY WORMS! OUT OF MY WAY!
AXE
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THIS IS THE END!!

GAH-TATA!
GAH-TATA!
RUN, YOU FOOLS!
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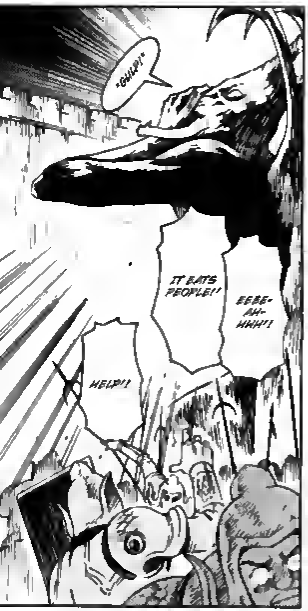
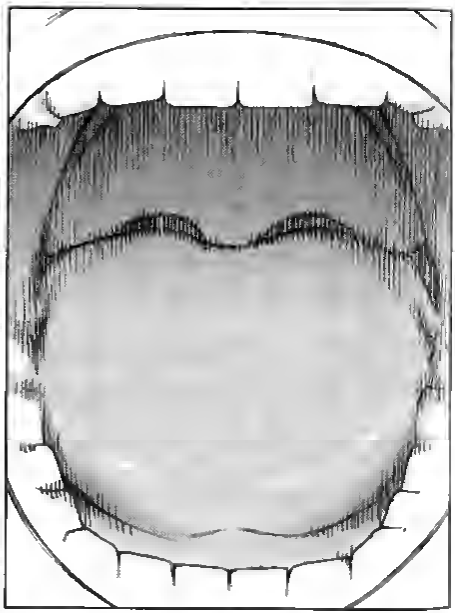
SO, JIA TENG...ARE YOU GOING TO EAT ME NOW, BROTHER?


SHIT!!
IT EATS PEOPLE!!
EEEE-AH-HHH!!
HELP!!



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OI - WAIT FOR ME!
XIAO HU, HURRY UP!
A BATTLE BROKE OUT AT THE SOUTH GATE!! WE HAVE TO PAINT THIS DOWN!
AREN'T THESE THE ELITES OF THE SECRETARY OF WART WAY ARE THEY RUNNING..?
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WHAT THE HELL? WHY'S EVERYONE PISSING THEIR PANTS?
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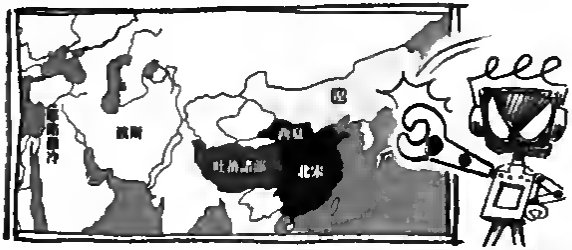
IT'S MEEEEEE!!
I DON'T WANT TO PANHANDLE ON THE STREETS!
NOOOOO! I DON'T WANT TO BE POOR!!
OH NO, IT'S XIAO HU THE BEGGAR!
WEARING RAGS, HOLDING A CAN... LOOKING ALL GRUMMY AND BEAT-UP.....

I'M USED TO SEEING MEN DIE. THEY ARE IN THE ARMY TO FIGHT. IT'S THEIR JOB
BUT YOU ATE HIM...YOU ATE A HUMAN BEING. I CAN'T TAKE THAT. AND I WON'T!
LOOKS LIKE YOU WANT TO PASS THROUGH THIS GATE. WHAT EXACTLY IS STORED BEHIND IT? THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW, TOO.
AT FIRST I WANTED YOU TO SUCCEED. I WANTED ANSWERS, AND I WANTED TO SEE IT FOR MYSELF
BUT NOW...I'VE CHANGED MY MIND.

繪戰小故事(一)

PAINTING WARRIORS IS A STORY SET AROUND 1106 AD. IN THE EARLY SONG (NORTHERN SONG) DYNASTY. CHINA WAS DIVIDED IN SEVERAL SMALL COUNTRIES AT THE TIME. THE STORY TAKES PLACE AT THE WESTERN BORDER OF THE TANGUT EMPIRE (THE WESTERN XIA).



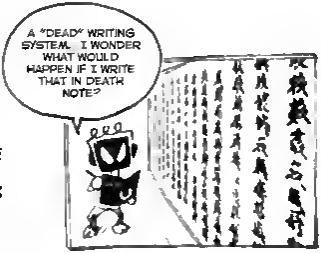
THE TANGUT EMPIRE WAS ESTABLISHED AFTER THE TANG DYNASTY BY TUOBA SIGONG. A TURKIC FOLLOWING THE FIVE DYNASTIES AND THE TWO SONGS. THE TANGUT EMPIRE WAS OVERRUN BY THE MONGOLS.

AT THAT TIME, THE RULER OF TANGUT WAS ITS 4TH EMPIRE, LI QIANSHUN.

THE TANGUT CULTURE THRIVED FOR ABOUT 300 YEARS, PRODUCING

I HEARD ALL MEN KEPT LONG HAIR IN TANGUT. MAYBE THEY'RE ALL IN ROCK BANDS!?

IN PARTICULAR THE TANGUT ACTUALLY HAD THEIR OWN WRITING SYSTEM. TANGUT CHARACTERS ARE SHAPED IN "SQUARES," JUST LIKE CHINESE. BUT THE SYMBOLS ARE DRASTICALLY DIFFERENT. EXPERTS CLAIM THAT WHEN THE TANGUT EMPIRE WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED, SOME 6,000 TANGUT CHARACTERS WERE MADE BY BORROWING FROM CHINESE CHARACTERS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO SURVIVING RECORDS OF ANY OF THIS MATERIAL. THE MYSTERIOUS TANGUT CHARACTERS ARE NOW CONSIDERED A "DEAD" WRITING SYSTEM.



※I'LL HAVE MORE INTERESTING FACTS OF THE TANGUT NEXT TIME.

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IN MISTRESS'S STORIES, THERE'S ALWAYS A MONK OR A WIZARD THAT KILLS THE DEMON IN THE END. WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT I'M GONNA FILL THAT ROLE TODAY!
YOU TALK TOO MUCH LITTLE ONE! DIE!!

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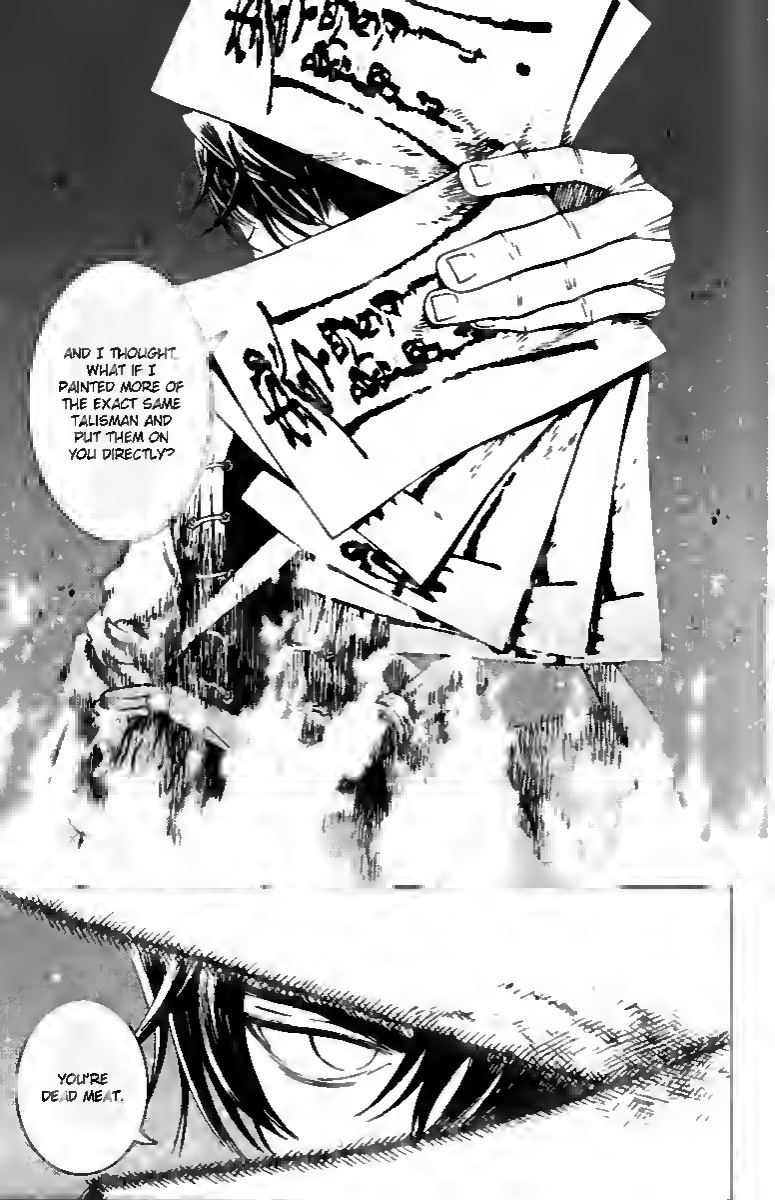
HE MIGHT NOT BE THE ONLY ONE. BE WARY OF MORE MAGIC USERS BESIDES HIM!
I JUST NOTICED HOW YOU WERE OBSTRUCTED BY THE SEAL ON THE SOUTH GATE.


AND I THOUGHT, WHAT IF I PAINTED MORE OF THE EXACT SAME TALISMAN AND PUT THEM ON YOU DIRECTLY?
YOU'RE DEAD MEAT.

AND I WAS RIGHT!!
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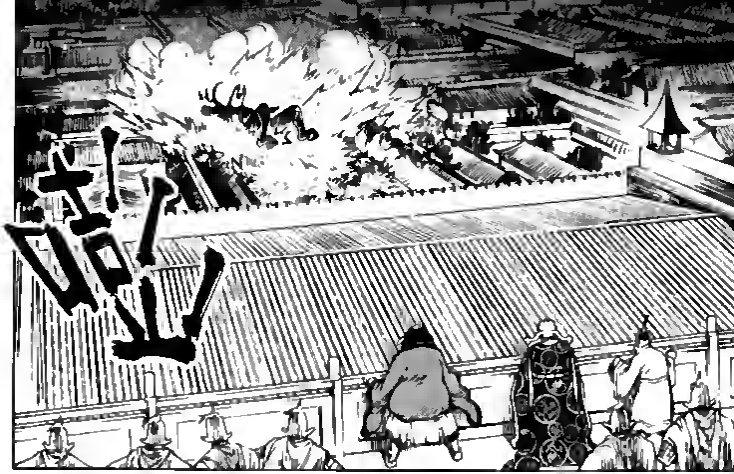
TH-THIS POWER... IT'S NOT...

YAHH

THERE'S MORE OF THE SAME TALISMAN PATTERN ON THE GROUND FOR YOU
BURN IN HELL!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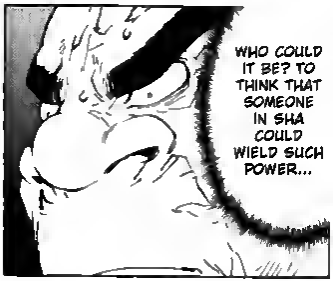
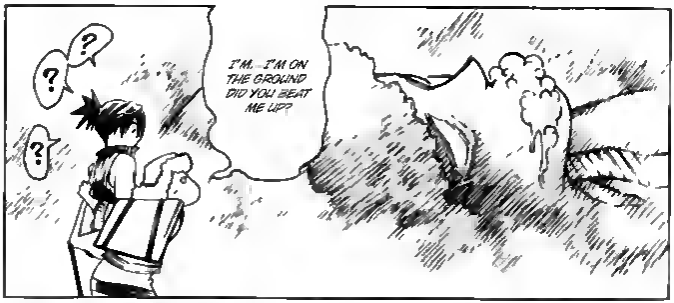

WHO COULD IT BE? TO THINK THAT SOMEONE IN SHA COULD WIELD SUCH POWER...

ALAS, SUCH POWER...! IS HE YOUR STUDENT?

TAO HU!!!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I'M...I'M ON THE GROUND DID YOU BEAT ME UP?

WHY AM I SO SHABBY? IS GOD PLAYING WITH ME? IS THIS A SIGN?
AM I DREAMING?
TAO HU!! TELL ME TELL ME! WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

HOW? HOW COULD IT STILL STAND?
WAHH! I'M STILL ALIVE!
THE SEALS I PUT ON ITS BODY CLEARLY WORKED, BUT THE ONE ON THE GROUND WAS IT NOT EXACTLY THE SAME?
XIAO HU, HIDE!!

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE! THE PATTERN IS SIMPLE ENOUGH, I SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM DUPLICATING IT! SO THEN, WHY?
DON'T TELL ME

I...I GET IT.

THE SEAL ON THE GATE WAS DRAWN BY SOMEONE WITH POWER. THAT'S WHY IT COULD WARD OFF THE DEMON!!
EVEN IF I REPRODUCE THE PATTERNS EXACTLY, IT DOESN'T CONTAIN ANY POWER. MY TALISMANS ARE AS USELESS AS BLANK SHEETS OF PAPER.
THAT THING WASN'T HURT BY WHAT I PAINTED
BUT RATHER.

BUT
RATHER

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE UNTIL YOU PAINT DOWN WHAT I WANTED!
MIS-TRESS!
MIS-TRESS!
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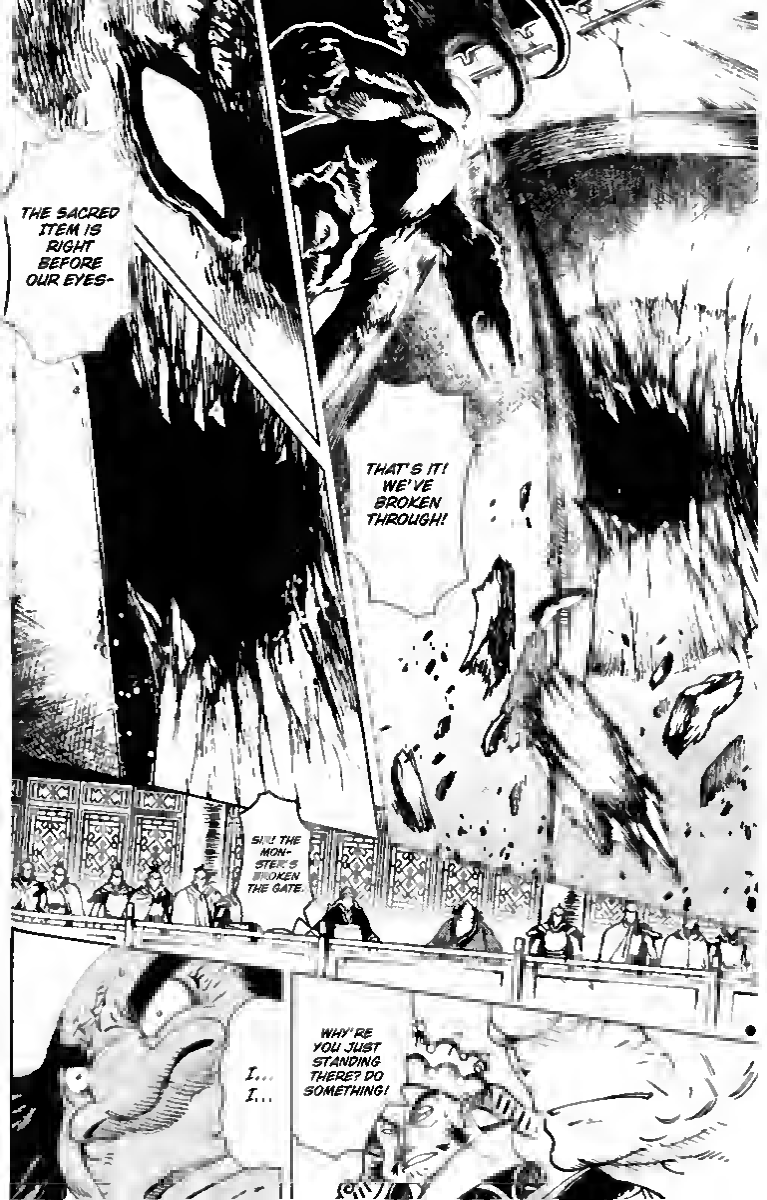
YOU LITTLE FOOL, WHAT DID YOU DO...!
IS THAT HIM?
OH-HOH! INTER-ESTING.
FROM HERE ON, I FORBID YOU TO PAINT WITH YOUR LEFT HAND. FORGET YOU EVEN HAD ONE!

AHHHHHHHHH

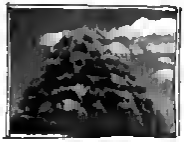
THIS DOOR IS STILL SEALED BY MAGIC!
WE MUST BREAK IT AT ANY COST!!

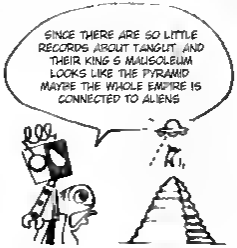

THE SACRED ITEM IS RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES-
THAT'S IT! WE'VE BROKEN THROUGH!
SHIT! THE MONSTER'S BROKEN THE GATE.
I... I...
WHY'RE YOU JUST STANDING THERE? DO SOMETHING!

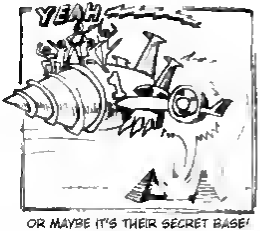
IN FRONT OF MY EYES...
COUNTLESS SOULS ARE EMERGING, COVERING THE LAND IN AN INSTANT!

繪戰小故事(二)

AFTER THE MONGOL ARMY, LEAD BY GENGHIS KHAN, INVADED TANGUT, A HORRENDOUS MASSACRE ENSUED. VERY LITTLE RECORDS ABOUT THE TANGUT SURVIVED THE WARFARE. THE XIXIA WANGLING (LIT. THE MAUSOLEUM OF THE KING OF TANGUT, NOW A NATIONAL PARK) IS THE SINGLE LARGEST RELIC THAT REMAINS TO THIS DAY. ITS UNIQUE PAGODA HAS BEEN TERMED "THE PYRAMID OF THE EAST."

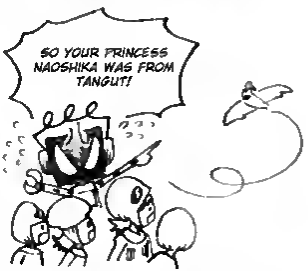



SINCE THERE ARE SO LITTLE RECORDS ABOUT TANGUT, AND THEIR KING'S MAUSOLEUM LOOKS LIKE THE PYRAMID, MAYBE THE WHOLE EMPIRE IS CONNECTED TO ALIENS



OR MAYBE IT'S THEIR SECRET BASE!

ON APRIL 30, 2000, A TEAM OF ARCHAEOLOGISTS DISCOVERED A "BIRDMAN" IN DIG SITE #3, WITH THE FACE OF A MAN BUT THE BODY OF A BIRD. EXPERTS CLAIM THAT THE "BIRDMAN" IS THE KALAVINKA OESCRIBED IN THE AMITABHA SUTRA. LITERALLY "THE BIRD WITH A BEAUTIFUL VOICE," THE KALAVINKA IS A MYTHICAL BIRD IN THE HIMALAYAS, AND IS THE BIRD OF SUKHAVATI (THE PURE LAND) IN BUDDHIST TEACHINGS.



THE BACKGROUND SETTING FOR PAINTING WARRIORS IS THE WESTERN-MOST BORDER CITY OF TANGUT - THE CITY (STATE) OF SHA. THOSE OF YOU THAT KNOW A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY MUST ALREADY KNOW THE REAL LIFE COUNTERPARTS OF THE ARMIES AT WAR. IF YOU DON'T, LET ME GIVE YOU A HINT! - IN THE YEAR 1106 AD, AN EARTH-SHAKING RELIGIOUS WAR WAS REALLY BEING FOUGHT IN THE WESTERN WORLD! LET ME TALK A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THAT NEXT TIME.

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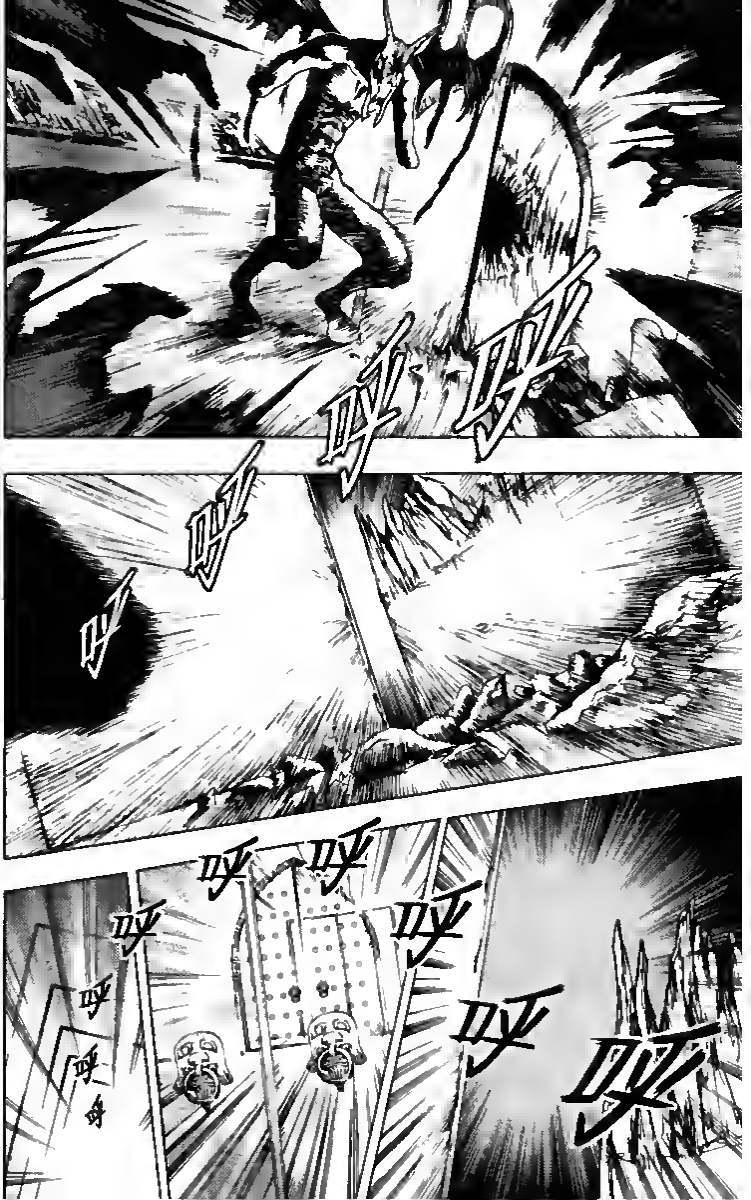
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THIS IS
YOU FEEL IT TOO?
IT'S HIM! IT'S GOTTA BE HIM!
HE'S REALLY CLOSE!

I WILL NEVER FORGET THIS FEELING. A FEELING LIKE EVIL WAS BEING REGURGITATED FROM THE DEPTHS OF HELL.
A FLOOD OF HATRED AND DESPAIR...
THAT MASKS THE SUN AND THE MOON...
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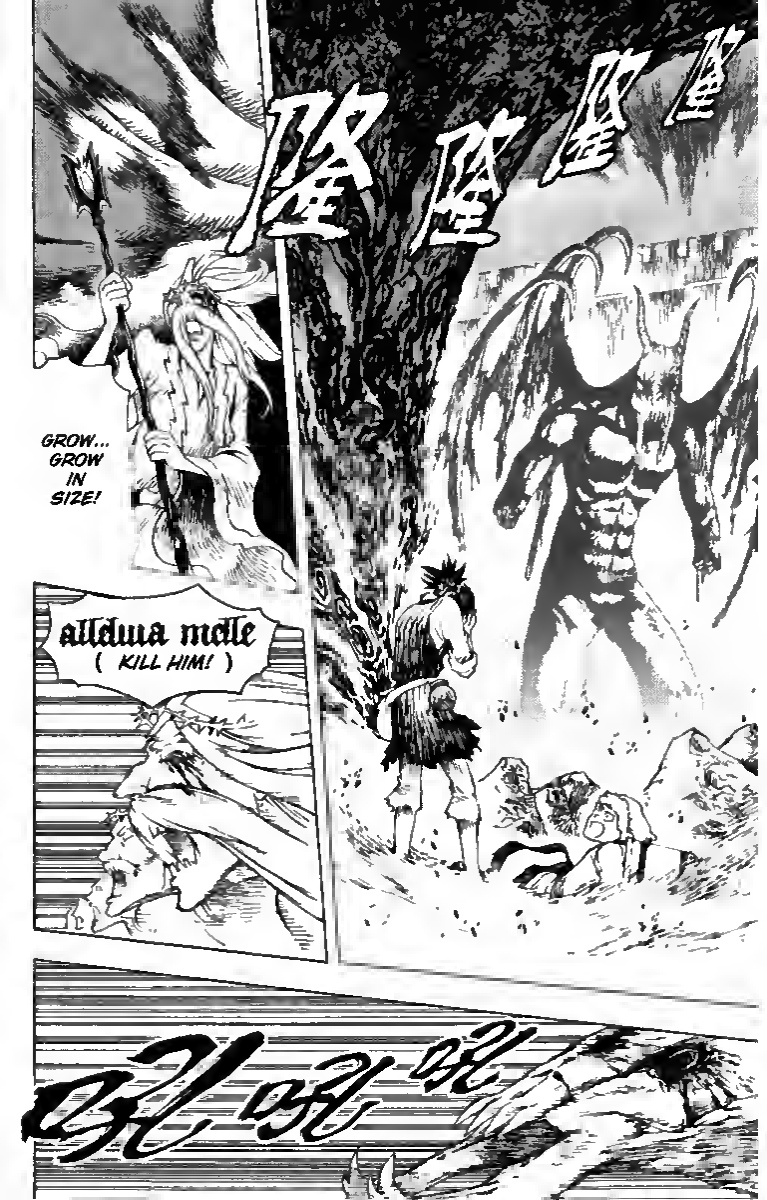
THAT BLINDS OUR EYES, AND CHEWS AWAY OUR SOULS...
THAT RAVAGES THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH.
AND THIS POWER IS COMING FROM...

HEY! MY PATIENCE IS WEARING THIN, IMPOSTOR!
THAT'S ENOUGH PRANKS OUT OF YOU! I HAVE A REPUTATION TO KEEP UP, YOU KNOW!
THE REAL THING IS GONNA DIE!

SNIFF
IT STINKS!
STINKS LIKE ROTTING CORPSES!
UUWAHHHH
I'VE ALREADY FORGOT-TEN
HOW DID BOULDERS TURN INTO THIS STUFF?

MY PAINFUL PAST.
WHY AM I REMEMBER-ING IT NOW?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GROW... GROW IN SIZE!
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(KILL HIM!)

TAO HUI, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR LEFT HAND?
YOU ASKED FOR IT, UGLY.

AND YOU'LL PAY FOR IT!

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YOU SAW FOR YOURSELF... DIDN'T YOU?
TAO HUI... WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

IMPAINTING!

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DECAY-ING!
MY BODY...IS SUD-DENLY...
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BWW...I JUST...I JUST ROTTED AWAY LIKE THOSE BOUL-DERS.

GO!

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THIS... THIS IS.
呼呼呼呼呼
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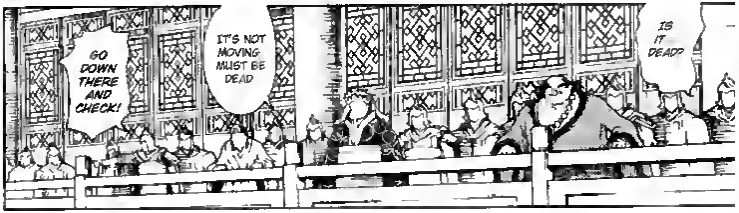
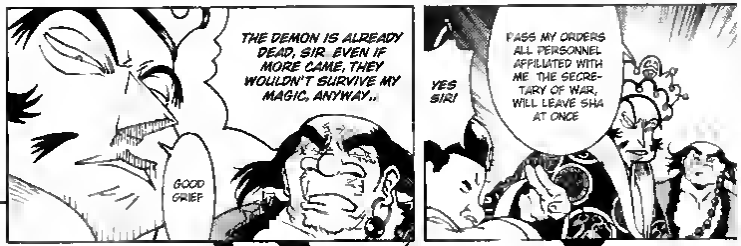
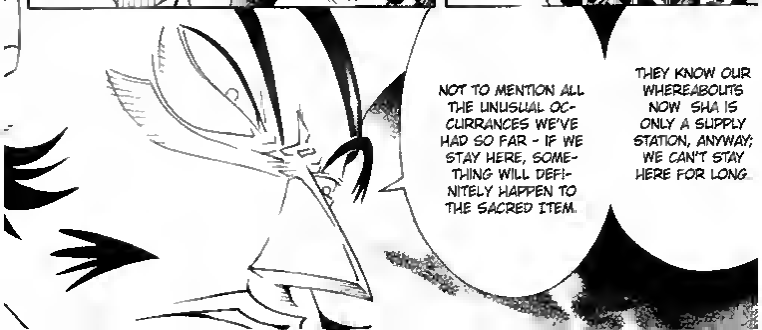
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I...TELL...


GO DOWN THERE AND CHECK!
IT'S NOT MOVING MUST BE DEAD
IS IT DEAD?


THE DEMON IS ALREADY DEAD, SIR. EVEN IF MORE CAME, THEY WOULDN'T SURVIVE MY MAGIC, ANYWAY..
GOOD GRIEF
YES SIR!
PASS MY ORDERS ALL PERSONNEL AFFILIATED WITH ME THE SECRETARY OF WAR, WILL LEAVE SHA AT ONCE


NOT TO MENTION ALL THE UNUSUAL OCCURRANCES WE'VE HAD SO FAR - IF WE STAY HERE, SOMETHING WILL DEFINITELY HAPPEN TO THE SACRED ITEM.
THEY KNOW OUR WHEREABOUTS NOW SHA IS ONLY A SUPPLY STATION, ANYWAY; WE CAN'T STAY HERE FOR LONG.

TAKE OUR MASTER'S ORDERS!
WE WILL IMMEDIATELY...
DO BE QUIET. ANYONE WITH EYES CAN TELL THAT YOUR MASTER HAS A SECRET AGENDA.
OR COULD IT BE YOUR SUPERIORS?
I'D SAY IT'S YOU THAT HAS A SECRET AGENDA.

SHA IS UNDER MY JURISDICTION IF YOU THINK YOU CAN COME AND GO AS YOU WANT YOU'RE DEAD WRONG
IF YOU WERE TO INTRUDE, AT LEAST BE COURTEOUS ENOUGH TO KEEP US COMPANY FOR A LITTLE WHILE

IT'S YOU...
U
YOU CAN SPEAK...OUR LANGUAGE?

OPEN...
DOOR..

ALMOST ...VICTO-RIOUS
WE...
ALPHA

alleluia alleluia
Qui posuit fines et adypx frumenti
(SO YOU'RE THE ONE THAT STOOD IN OUR WAY!)

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JUST WHAT IS THIS SACRED ITEM THAT THE TANGUT ARMY AND THE CRUSADERS ARE FIGHTING OVER?
THIS MAN IS THE ONLY ONE THAT KNOWS THE TRUTH!
VOLUME TWO THE MASTERMIND BEHIND ALL THESE SCHEMES APPEARS!

SO, BLACK FOOT SANJI, YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD ESCAPE FROM DO ANY ACTUAL WORK ON THIS SERIES?
NOT A CHANCE PAL. GET READY TO START TYPESETTING THIS ONE IN MY STEAD, LIKE ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

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